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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC KVPs at Weisswasser Training Camp

EVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT 11 May to 2 June 1953

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

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1. Prior to 20 May 1953, an infantry detachment from Loebau of about 170 men, who were frequently exchanged, was stationed at the Weisswasser training camp. On 20 and 21 May 1953, about 200 KVPs, who wore black-bordered red and blue-bordered black collar patches, arrived at the Nochten camp from Leipzig. The soldiers said that about 2,000 other men were scheduled to be rotated to the training grounds from Leipzig and Halle during June 1953. They stated that no more soldiers were previously stationed at the camp for insufficient hygienic conditions. Major Kubisch (fnu), previously camp commander, was superseded by another major, who wore black-bordered red collar patches.

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3. On 30 May 1953, a special train with KVF from Halle was observed arriving at Weisswasser. The train, which had Train No 267 D (or 269 D), consisted of about 35 boxcars with EM including one boxcar with women police and four flatcars carrying machine guns and each eight light guns. [REDACTED] similar train had arrived at Weisswasser in the morning and four other trains with KVP at an earlier date.

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4. While, prior to 27 May 1953, the Nochten camp had been constantly occupied by about 400 KVPs who equally came from the Loebau and Zittau posts and were regularly relieved by the same number of other EM every four days, source determined that on 2 June 1953 the camp was occupied by about 800 men. Soldiers said that still larger units with tanks and guns were expected to arrive. Soviet soldiers recently were no longer observed in the training ground. On 30 May 1953, record practices previously held at the infantry training grounds discontinued. The troops subsequently further enlarged the camp and training grounds and constructed new telephone lines and lighting mains.

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5. On 27 May 1953, three boxcars, each with a 25-ton load of large tarpaulins, arrived from the direction of Cottbus. The tarpaulins were unloaded by 25 soldiers, who wore yellow-bordered black collar patches, and were trucked away in the direction of Nochten with trucks [redacted] [redacted] Four officers, who used jeep [redacted] were present during the unloading.

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6. At 3:30 p.m. on 29 May 1953, 200 KVPs arrived at Weisswasser on a train from the direction of Goerlitz and were subsequently trucked away in the direction of Nochten on trucks [redacted] [redacted]

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7. [redacted]

[redacted] Comment. The information supplements previous reports by same sources. The Weisswasser training camp seems to be occupied to an increasing extent by KVP units of TVs 3000 Dresden and 6000 Leipzig.

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